

Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Union. That made the fight of the waitresses a ticklish subject for the newspapers, that depend upon advertising for profit, to handle.

For they don't dare, as a rule, to go contrary to the wishes of the State street stores.

Had nobody been arrested but picketing waitresses the newspapers could have passed the matter over lightly and public attention would not have been attracted to the issues involved.

The arrest of a woman of the prominence of Ellen Gates Starr of Hull House, however, could not be ignored. Its news value was too big. Too many people would know of it even if the newspapers suppressed the news.

So the arrest and trial of Miss Starr were duly reported and the people of Chicago got much of the truth concerning the strike and the brutality of the police. I imagine the newspapers were really glad Miss Starr's arrest forced them to print the news—for nearly all of them did better in giving their readers the truth than I ever knew Chicago kept newspapers to do before.

This illustrates what women of prominence and social standing can do to help their working sisters gain a living wage.

The pull of Big Business is so powerful in politics and government that there is little hope of securing any help from the law in establishing a minimum wage for women. The only hope lies in organization of the women workers in all lines of endeavor.

And the women workers in department stores and other places where women work for low wages can be organized if the women who have homes of their own will get back of them and help make the fight.

The women of Chicago can make the department stores come to time if they go about it.

The organization of women work-

ers should be a part of the suffrage campaign. The real aim of women in their fight for the ballot is liberty, freedom from slavery to men.

There are many kinds of liberty, and there is much work women will have to do before they are free, but there is nothing more important to the entire cause of suffrage than freeing women workers from industrial slavery and the deadening influence of low wages.

When the women workers of Illinois are organized for collective bargaining they will constitute a powerful army to go on and win still greater freedom for women.

The women of Chicago should get solidly back of the striking waitresses and follow the lead of Ellen Gates Starr, who wasn't afraid to go to prison for free speech and the rights of women workers.

Up to date about the only encouragement the workers have got outside their own ranks has come from the Socialist party. The Progressive party has a splendid social justice platform, but it doesn't get down on the ground and fight when the issue is drawn as it has been in the Henrici strike.

At that, the new party has gone far beyond the two old parties, but is still many laps behind when it comes to practicing what it preaches.

Anyhow, women should get together for the workers, no matter what party they happen to be tied up to.

—o—o— PRETTY PUNK

Broker's Clerk—Could you let me have \$10 on last month's salary?

Broker—Great Scott! That's the punkest collateral I ever had offered me!

—o—o— JUST A SLIP OF THE TONGUE

"Mrs. Garber fell downstairs and bit her tongue in two."

"I feel sorry for her husband. She was a terror when she had only one tongue."